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MEMORANDUM FOR: [redacted] Executive Assistant to the Director

SUBJECT : Wartime Mission of the Central Intelligence Agency.

REFERENCE : Memo dtd 12 Mar 55 to DCI fr DD/P, same subject.

1. Since the referenced memorandum appears to be beamed at the Clandestine Services in lieu of the Agency as a whole, I would suggest that the title be changed to "Wartime Mission of the Clandestine Services." In this context the referenced directive will serve a very valuable purpose in expressing the Director's determination to make hot war planning a high priority task to be accomplished concurrently with cold war planning and to recognize the fact that we are behind in our hot war planning.

2. I plan to assign a Special Assistant to the Deputy Director (Support) for Planning in the near future and to transfer the Emergency Planning function from the Office of Security to this Special Assistant. This should go far towards meshing operational and support planning insofar as the Clandestine Services are concerned.

3. This may be as big a step as the Agency should take at this time. However, in this action I do not believe that we are approaching wartime planning for the Agency as a whole with realism inasmuch as the entire DD/I area is excluded and responsibility for war planning for the Agency as a whole is not fixed in any designated Agency official charged with the basic responsibility for the direction, supervision, and coordination of CIA's war planning program working through the existing command structure.

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